

World War II veteran given overdue tribute

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Nearly 50 years after he returned from World War II's battlefields, Phillip Gover received a long overdue warrior's welcome.

Gover, a Pawnee Indian veteran, was honored by 3,000 Native American veterans meeting at the Salt Palace with a traditional cleansing song and procession.

The wheelchair-bound Gover was pushed by relatives around the downtown Salt Lake City arena Saturday while fellow Pawnees sang an honor song and dancers shook his hand, presented him eagle feathers and money, and then fell into step behind his family.

An Oklahoma native, Gover came to Salt Lake City to participate in the Native American Warrior Veterans Memorial Association convention. The group

announced plans to build a monument and museum recognizing veterans from many tribes.

State Indian Affairs director Wil Numkena said Indian warriors were traditionally honored before they went to battle and after they returned. The association's weekend pow-wow was designed to unify families, clans and tribes to ease the hurt of wartime violence and peacetime indifference.

"We recognize the negative psychological impacts war has on those who go to battle. This helps cleanse the whole sphere of our veterans' existence — physical, emotional, mental and spiritual," Numkena said.

Gover said he needed the ritual's cleansing influence after losing an arm while fighting in Italy.

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George E. Anderson

Daniel, Wasatch County.....
George Ellsworth Anderson 61,
died September 16, 1985. Born
October 13, 1923 in Daniel to
Charles John Edwin and Julia S.
Morse Anderson. Married Joyce
Collard November 29, 1952 in
Heber City.

Served in the U. S. Army

during WW II as an MP in occupied Japan. Worked as a farmer, miner and carpenter. He loved his family, friends and the out-of-doors.

Survived by wife of Daniel: four sons and four daughters: Mr. & Mrs. Chris Anderson - Livermore, California; Mr. & Mrs. Mark Anderson and sons, Steven and Jim - Fillmore; Mr. & Mrs. Jeff (Julie) Laird - West Valley; Paulette Anderson - Ogden; Susan Anderson, Doug Anderson, Diann Anderson and Allan Anderson all of Daniel. Brothers and Sister: Morse Anderson - Bountiful; and John Anderson and Mrs. Lucille Nielson both of Daniel.

Funeral services Thursday 1:00 P.M. Daniel Ward Chapel. Friends may call at Olpin Mortuary Wednesday 7-9 P.M. and at the church Thursday prior to services. Burial Heber City Cemetery.